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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CHARGED
WITH MONEY LAUNDERING AND ATTEMPTING TO AID AND ABET
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

United States Attorney James L. Santelle announced today that criminal complaints had been issued charging Royce Lockett of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with attempting to aid and abet the possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, and Paul Hill of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with attempting to launder drug proceeds. Santelle noted that the complaints were the products of a collaborative investigation by federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities, including the Milwaukee Police Department.

According to the criminal complaint charging Hill, Hill is an officer with the Milwaukee Police Department who has been employed by the department since 1992. The complaint alleges that on July 1, 2009, as part of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the assistance and cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Investigators, law enforcement audio and videotaped Hill assisting a cooperating human source (CHS) transport what was represented to Hill as approximately \$90,000 U.S. Currency of purported drug money from a location in Milwaukee to a large industrial area in the vicinity of 11300 West Burleigh Avenue in Milwaukee. According to the complaint, Hill was paid \$500 by the CHS to transport the CHS and the \$90,000 across town. The complaint alleges that Hill did not report the alleged criminal activity to his Milwaukee Police Department superiors.

According to the criminal complaint charging Lockett, Lockett is a sergeant with the Milwaukee Police Department who has been employed by the department since 1997. The complaint alleges that on June 2, 2010, as part of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the assistance and cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Investigators, law enforcement audio and videotaped Lockett assisting a cooperating human source (CHS) transport \$19,000 U.S. Currency of purported drug money and two kilograms of purported cocaine from the area of 118th Street and Silver Spring Road in Milwaukee to another location in Milwaukee. According to the complaint, Lockett was seen on videotape viewing the money and the cocaine. Lockett then drove the CHS and the money to another location, and arranged for a third party to pick up the cocaine and transport it elsewhere. The complaint alleges that Lockett did not report the alleged criminal activity to his Milwaukee Police Department superiors.

Both officers made initial appearances earlier today in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Hill was ordered released by the court on electronic monitoring conditions, and Lockett was ordered detained until the time of a hearing on his custodial status scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2010.

According to United States Attorney James L. Santelle, "Today's arrests reflect the continuing, strong commitment of all law enforcement to identify and address compromises in the professionalism and the integrity of our police forces." United States Attorney Santelle specifically commended all of the participating agencies for their cooperation and hard work on this investigation, noting specially that "Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn has been and continues to be a partner in government-wide efforts to stop corrupt conduct within law enforcement and to promote the highest ethical standards in the behavior of all officers."

Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn commented, "It saddens me that on the same day we recognized the heroism of seven police officers in two separate life-saving incidents, we must also confront the reality that some of our officers fail to embody the values of our profession."

Milwaukee County District Attorney John T. Chisholm stated, "The arrests of two Milwaukee police officers today resulted from a collaborative investigation among federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities that reflects our commitment to vigorously pursuing matters involving public corruption. I am grateful for the contributions to this case by the investigators from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Public Corruption Unit."

FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge G.B. Jones noted, "Although we are disappointed these officers elected to make choices that reflect poorly on the law enforcement profession, this case again illustrates our commitment to working jointly with our local, state, and federal partners to root out potential law enforcement corruption."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel H. Sanders and John J Manning. If convicted, Lockett would face a mandatory minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment, a maximum of forty years' imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. If convicted, Hill would face up to twenty years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

A criminal complaint is the formal method of charging an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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